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Hungarian Anti-Aircraft Barracks

1. Two groups of Hungarian A.A. barracks were found, one about 2 km. north of town, on the east side of the road leading to Sajoszentpeter, the other west of the same road and about 4 km. north of Miskolc.
2. The barracks closer to town occupy an area of about 150 x 200 m. and are surrounded by a barbed-wire fence supported by concrete posts. There are two entrances. The one on the west side, on the Sajoszentpeter road, is guarded by a sentry wearing red collar-patches with winged-gun symbol and armed with a machine-pistol. In the barrack area there are eight 2-story buildings (each 25 x 8 m), two garages (each 50 x 10 m) and, on the north side, another garage (30 x 10 m). New construction is in progress in a strip bordering the road which extends about 1 km. from the southern boundary of the existing barrack area. Here three 4-story buildings, six or seven 3-story buildings, and, behind these, five or six 1-story buildings (garages, etc.) were under construction. The walls and roofs are completed and the plasterers are working on the walls. On the south end of the area there is a 4-story building (30 x 8 m), completed but not yet plastered, where soldiers wearing red collar-patches with winged gun barrels were seen walking in and out.
3. The second A.A. barracks area, farther north, covers an area of approximately 200 x 300 m. surrounded by a wire fence. The entrance is on the Sajoszentpeter road and is guarded by a sentry wearing red collar-patches with winged gun barrels. In the barrack area there are two 3-story buildings (each 50 x 10 m), one 2-story building (35 x 10 m), one garage (70 x 80 m) and two garages (50 x 10 m).

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4. In the barrack area, in the open, were 25 to 30 Russian-type automatic guns covered with tarpaulins. The base of these guns rested on four pneumatic tires. 35 trucks were also parked in the open. A radar or radio van stood on the south side of the barracks. Considerable activity was noticed in the barrack area.
5. In the north-west corner of the barrack area is a firing range, where during the time of observation machine-gun practice was in progress.

Szondi Barracks

6. The Szondi barracks are situated at No. 15 Baross Gabor utca. The front of the barrack facing the street is approximately 250 m. in length. In the barracks a considerable number of soldiers were seen (collar-patches brown with a vehicle in the center of a cog wheel). Other soldiers were also seen entering the barrack area wearing collar patches of (a) dark green; (b) light blue; and (c) brown; all three colors bore the forked-lightning symbol. The capacity of the barracks is estimated at a regiment.

Tancsics Barracks

7. The Tancsics barracks are situated at No. 69-71 Szeles utca and occupy an area of about 150 x 300 m. No guards were observed, but several men, apparently mechanics, were seen in the barrack area. There is a garage in the area and trucks and buses were parked in the open.

Infantry Barracks

8. Situated at No. 73 Szeles utca. The barracks occupy an area of about 100 x 150 m. The barracks have one entrance, which is guarded by a sentry wearing green collar-patches. The capacity of the barracks is estimated at one battalion. Activity was noticed in the barrack area.

Bocskai Artillery Barracks

9. Situated at No. 17 Zsolcai Kapu, occupying an area of about 150 x 200 m. Cars were observed leaving the barracks. Considerable activity was noticed in the barrack area. The "Borsod-Avauj-Zemlem Megyei Videki Kiegeszito Parancsnoksag" as well as the "Helyorsegi Komandanti Hivatal" are situated in the barracks (Supplementary Headquarters of the Borsod-Avauj-Zemlem County and Garrison Commandant's Office). The capacity of the barracks is estimated at one artillery regiment.

Ammunition Dump

10. There is an ammunition dump on the northern perimeter of the town. It lies to the west of the Sajoszentpeter road and covers an area about 80 x 150 m, surrounded by a wire fence. Inside the enclosure there are two buildings (each 20 x 5 m) which are surrounded by mounds measuring about 15 x 5 x 5 m. Two sentries with red collar-patches were observed. No other activity was noticed.

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Supplementary Headquarters

11. The Miskolc Town Supplementary (Kiegészito) H.Q. is situated in the Magyar Szovjet Baratság Square (formerly Szent Imre Herceg Square). The Miskolc District Supplementary H.Q. is situated at No. 26 Felszabaditok utca.

AVH Barracks

12. There is an AVH barracks at No. 23, 10-Es Honved utca guarded by an AVH sentry with a machine-pistol. The capacity of the barracks is about one battalion.

Miscellaneous

13. (a) The Ilona barracks and the old Gendarmerie barracks are now used by civilians.
- (b) No Russians were seen in Miskolc.
- (c) No parachutists were seen in Miskolc.
- (d) No sign of any Russian ammunition dump could be found to the north of Harsany (10 km. south of Miskolc).
- (e) Five river guards were seen in Miskolc repairing a motor car in a workshop.

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